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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references set forth below and listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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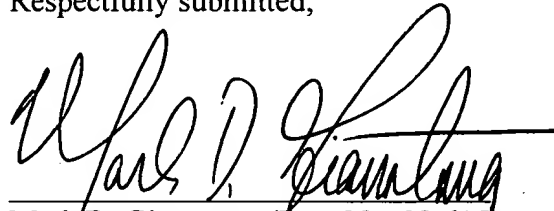
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These prior art references were cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement dated 7 February 2000 in this patent application, and are of record in parent application serial no. 09/198,004. However, the Examiner was unable to retrieve the parent file, and therefore requested that we provide the enclosed copies for his consideration.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any additional fees are required, or otherwise if necessary to cover any deficiency in fees already paid, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1631.

Respectfully submitted,

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